

# SAINT HEDWIG'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9 a.m. - Noon & 1 - 2 p.m.



**Confessions:** 15 minutes before Mass and at other times (see below) • **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Monday to Friday, from 12:00 noon • Sundays, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Recitation of the Rosary:** 30 minutes before each Mass, also on the radio at 88.5 FM (locally) • Attendance: 8 a.m.:245; 11 a.m.: 234

## Divine Mercy Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)

April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

<b>Monday</b> April 28	<b>St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr (Optional Memorial)</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Margaret Palubeskie by the Estate of Mary C. Coulas
<b>Tuesday</b> April 29	<b>St. Catherine of Sienna, Virgin, Doctor (Memorial)</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Anthony & Annie Puchalskie by Bob Voldock
<b>Wednesday</b> April 30	<b>St. Marie de L'incarnation, Religious (Memorial)</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Helen Norlock by Jackie Stoppa & Family
<b>Thursday</b> May 1	<b>St. Joseph the Worker (Optional Memorial)</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Elmer Yakabuskie by Marla & Edward Recoskie
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Friday</b> May 2	<b>St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor (Memorial)</b> <b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Garry Pecarski by the Sacred Heart League <b>12:00 noon</b> <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Nocturnal Adoration</b> <b>3:00 p.m.</b> <b>Chaplet of Divine Mercy</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b> <b>Confessions</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b> +Mary Margaret Kelly by the Sacred Heart League
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday</b> May 3	<b>St. Philip &amp; St. James, Apostles (Memorial)</b> <b>8:00 - 8:45 a.m.</b> <b>Confessions</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> +Mary McLean by Katherine & John Longo <b>1:00 p.m.</b> Wedding Mass of John Paul Black and Clare Marie Merkowski

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00 – 4:45 p.m.</b> <b>Confessions</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b> +August S. Yantha by Ed & Patricia
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> +Bridget Gutoskie by Teresa <b>11:00 a.m.</b> Intentions of the People

3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (May 4th, 2025)	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Readers of the Word</b>	Mary Yantha	Jacob Afelskie	Carl Schintgen
<b>Holy Communion</b>	Deacon Robert Probert	Deacon Jean-Nil Chabot	Bro. Grzegorz Loska,OMI
<b>Ushers</b>	Duncan Barber (crew captain) and ushers	Stanley Rumleskie (crew captain) and ushers	Daniel Shalla (crew captain) and ushers

**Offerings:** Sunday: \$3,596.75; Building Maintenance: \$1,460.00; Carpet: \$360.00;  
Flowers: \$30.00; Good Friday: \$5,496.40; Easter \$3,938.00; Heat & Fuel:\$140.00

*Let us remember in prayer those who are sick, especially Andy Weatherbed, Theresa Chapeskie, Esther T. Stoppa, Suzanne Bissonnette, Anne Chabot, Albert Cybulski, Karen Barber, Callam Oliver, Raymond Biernaski, Dennis Yeretch, Deacon Bob McDonald*

*Let us also pray for the Repose of the Souls of Ernie Dudack whose Funeral Mass took place here on April 5<sup>th</sup>, for Ron Olsheskie who was Funeral Mass took place at St. Casimir's this past week, and for Tessie Spence whose Funeral Mass is planned for May 16<sup>th</sup> here at St. Hedwig's.*

*Let us also pray for Genevieve Maria Ostapowicz, daughter of Daniel & Teresa who was welcomed into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism on Easter Sunday; and the Catechumen & Candidates, Maylat Daniel, Grant Robinson, Richard Peppler, & Micky Silliker who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.*

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Please note we have a new **EMAIL & WEBSITE** address. Please ensure you are using the correct email when sending correspondence to the parish office.  
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**Thank You:** Fr. Michal would like to give a special thanks for your Easter cards, greetings, and prayers; and to thank those who helped decorate the church for Passion Sunday and the Triduum; to Dennis Buonafede for leading the preparation of the Catechumen & Candidates who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil; to Br. Grzegorz Loska O.M.I., for his work in keeping the church and sacristy clean and organized; to the Triduum readers, cantors, and music ministers; to our Deacons, Jean-Nil Chabot and Robert Probert; the altar-servers; ushers and the ladies who cleaned the pews prior to Holy Week. Your support and assistance is so important to our Parish Community!

**Sacred Heart League:** The next meeting is on Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**Euchre:** The next Euchre games will be held on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00

**Men's Rosary Group:** Come for Rosary prayer open to men on Monday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., in St. Hedwig's Church. Men are invited, fathers bring your sons as well.

**Domestic Church:** The Domestic Church families will be hosting a social after 11:00 a.m. Mass on Mother's Day, Sunday May 11<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us for coffee, tea and treats. Donations are always welcomed if anyone wishes to bring something to share.

**Religious Store:** If you are interested in purchasing items from the Sacred Heart League Religious Store, please call or text Josée Peppler at 519-215-0707.

**March for Life Ottawa:** - 2025 theme: "Protection at Conception". Join us May 8 on Parliament Hill. May our prayers and witness convert the hearts of our Nation. See you there!! GO TO: [marchforlife.ca](http://marchforlife.ca) Please also consider supporting our local young people to attend the Friday May 9th Youth Event in Ottawa. Transportation option: The Renfrew County Right to Life group has arranged a coach with pickup locations in Pembroke, Cobden & Renfrew - please see their poster on the bulletin board for reservation details. Or make your own carpool travel arrangements.

**Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites for the Marian Month of May:** Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Renfrew, is the designated church for the Jubilee Indulgence on Tuesday 13 May 2025, the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Confessions and adoration will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. The Rosary will be recited at 6:15 p.m. and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 6:45 p.m. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. For more information on the graces of the Jubilee Indulgence, please visit <https://pembrokediocese.com/article/jubilee-2025-indulgence-en/>

Our Lady of Combermere (Madonna House), Combermere is the designated place of pilgrimage for the Jubilee Indulgence on Saturday 31 May 2025, the Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. in Our Lady of the Woods Chapel, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 2:50 p.m. Confessions will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The day will end with the praying of the Rosary at the statue of Our Lady of Combermere at 3:00 p.m., followed by tea. For more information on the graces of the Jubilee Indulgence, please visit <https://pembrokediocese.com/fr/article/jubile-2025-indulgence-fr/>

**From the Bishop's Office:**

April 21, 2025  
Easter Monday

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It was with deep grief that we received the news this morning that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, died today in Rome. In communion with the Catholic faithful across the Diocese, and with Catholics and people of good will across the world, we entrust Pope Francis into the mercy and love of God whom he served so faithfully for many years. I ask all of you to pray with me for our Holy Father, especially in these days of mourning.

"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."

Over the next days and weeks, I am sure that many commentaries will speak of the legacy of Pope Francis: his writings and Apostolic Visits; his love for the poor and marginalized and his work for peace and reconciliation in the world; World Youth Days and the Jubilee Year of Mercy (2015) and of Pilgrims of Hope (2025); the Synods and General Audiences; his interviews and his leadership during the Pandemic; and so much more.

Together, we unite in thanking God for the gift of Pope Francis, for twelve years of his ministry among us as our Holy Father, and for the ways in which he touched us personally and made a difference in our lives. Personally, I will never forget his joy, rooted in his friendship with Jesus Christ, and which shone forth in his smile and his words, and which he shared with all those he met – especially the poor and the marginalized.

I'd like to conclude this brief message with these words from the final homily prepared by Pope Francis which was proclaimed at the Easter Mass yesterday in St. Peter's Basilica: "Christ is risen, he is alive! He is no longer a prisoner of death... Brothers and sisters, this is the greatest hope of our life: we can live this poor, fragile and wounded existence clinging to Christ, because he has conquered death, he conquers our darkness and he will conquer the shadows of the world, to make us live with him in joy, forever. ... Let us run towards Jesus, let us rediscover the inestimable grace of being his friends. Let us allow his Word of life and truth to shine in our life."

Pope Francis has run towards Jesus to rediscover the inestimable grace of being his friend! May he live with him in joy forever! May Mary, Mother of Mercy, welcome him into the eternal presence of her Son! May God bless you all in Christ our Redeemer,

Michael Brehl, C.Ss.R.  
Bishop of Pembroke